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## OPEN HOUSE IS COMING

S L A T E D F O R J U N E 4<sup>th</sup>

The squadron public relations office announces that the 2nd Annual 418 Squadron "Open House" is to be held in Hangar 4 from 1300 hrs to 1600 hrs Sunday, June 4th.

Parents and families will receive invitations through the mail, and we hope this, our second get together, will be even bigger and better than our initial venture.

Last year, more than 200 parents, relatives and friends toured 418's facilities as the guests of our officers and airmen, both regular and reserve. Again, members of all other auxiliary units in the area will be invited.

Each section is expected to put its best foot forward, with their equipment lined up and shined up to impress the visitors. A semi-stand down will be in effect, with no

real activity except sightseeing laid on for the afternoon. Of course, there'll be a million-and-one things to do for those airmen and officers without guests, so you know just how to enjoy yourself that afternoon!

For those with cars, it's easy enough to drive home for lunch and pick up the family; for those without transport, you can meet your visitors in the hangar during the afternoon.

18 Wing band will furnish music and a festive air to the occasion, and we are hoping to put on a short flying display both with our own aircraft and by some jets from Cold Lake. Refreshments, courtesy of S/L MacFarlane of Paulin-Chambers will be served, and a good movie is planned.

This is your once-a-year chance to "show off" where you disappear to each weekend. Make it a success by bringing out plenty of visitors. Just one thing to remember: NO SMOKING ON THE HANGAR FLOOR--a room will be open for this. NOTE: youngsters welcome!

WE'LL SEE YOU IN FULL FORCE (JUST LIKE PAY NIGHT) ON SUNDAY,

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# TRIM TAB'S NICKLES' WORTH

by LAC BILL TRIMBLE

Father Vegh is back in the fold after three months' TD in the R. C. B. A. F. (Royal Camp Borden Air Force). He passed with a very respectable mark, and is to be congratulated. Cpl Bud is following in Alex's footsteps, and well all hope he does well, too.

We have a whole crew of new faces in the support, and we would like to welcome them, starting with:

LAC GERRY HANSEN, who came to us from Vancouver, and who, besides his other admirable traits, is a very good rigger. His abundant supply of shaggy dog stories also makes him a welcome addition. If he ever asks you what a "Rarey" is, though, turn and run!



"Charlie, I think it's time we negotiated a reciprocal trade agreement!"

LAC DENIS (ROCKY) ROCKWELL hails from Penhold--"the best in the west"--but his home is St. Albert so this is a real welcome posting for him. He's an instrument type.

LAC TERRY ROWE, who after completing a tour overseas brought back one of the finest of all French tourist attractions, is another welcome member to our rather elite club--this time to the orderly room staff. His arrival gives Guy a full eight hours a day to argue, and to ponder the fate of the Canadiens.

CPL JOHN CRAWFORD comes to us from Winnipeg on a com-p a s s i o n a t e posting. John has been taking the load by modifying all the Exploder cabin heat hoses. Take note, you flying types--you now know to whom you should be exceedingly grateful (one "26" each should do).

LAC GERRY MICHAUD, an electrical type, is giving Harry Prediger a welcome assist in supply right now, and always has a smile for you. Gerry is always willing to help with the work (when he isn't occupied telling what a great shuffleboard player he is).

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## A Brain - Twister

TO SOLVE THIS TEST OF REASONING POWER, YOU MUST FIRST MAKE THE PREPOSTEROUS ASSUMPTION THAT BLACK MEN ALWAYS LIE, AND WHITE MEN ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH:

At twilight you are rowing toward shore, on which you see, very indistinctly, three men. You shout to them: "Are you white or black?"

A man answers, but his words are blown away in the wind.

A second man cries, "He says he is white, and he is white, and so am I."

The third man cries, "He's black, but I am white."

WHAT IS THE COLOR OF EACH OF THE THREE MEN?

(The answer is on a following page, but try it yourself first.)

. . . . . C O M I N G S   G O I N G S . . . . .

Cpl JW Crawford (AFTech), fm Wpg;  
FS JM Taylor (AFTech), fm TTU;  
LAC G Hansen (AFTech), fm Vcr;  
LAC T Rowe (ClkAdmin), fm lDiv;  
LAC D Rockwell (ITech), fm 2F;  
LAC G Michaud (ETech).

SGT KN Crossley (AFTech) to Winnipeg;  
AC1 TR Morgan (AFTech), to SupRes;  
AC1 ROF Korble (AFTech), to SupRes;  
AC1 MR Pactkau (AFTech), to SupRes;  
LAC JM Green (AFTech), to SupRes;  
LAC GEF Feenstra (AFTech), to SupRes;  
LAC DV Evans (AETech), to SupRes;  
LAC AA Zedel (AFTech), to URTP;  
LAC FJ Forbes (AFTech), to URTP;  
AC1 BM Weeks, to Supplementary Res.

MUMMIES: - Egyptians who are pressed  
for time.

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One of our more respectable members (or maybe this is only by association, after his tour as ADC to the late Lieutenant-Governor) was "gonged" recently for 12 years' undetected crime. We're speaking, of course, about S/L Archie MacFarlane, 418's chief flying instructor. S/L MacFarlane came to Edmonton in 1956 from...yes, believe it or not...saskabush. Already he has a left-hand tilt on parade from his CVSM and War Medal, so we trust one more won't prove too much of a problem. Congratulations, Sir.

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Two more of the boys got "sucked in" for another tour. LAC Bert Jones signed on the line for another five, and Roger Ulasovetz (Aux), for three. Cheers!

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A WOMAN WAS OVERHEAD DIRECTING HER FEMALE COMPANION INTO A NARROW PARKING SPACE. STANDING ON THE SIDEWALK, SHE OBSERVED THAT HER FRIEND'S AUTO WAS EVEN WITH THE PARKING AREA -- ABOUT 10 INCHES BACK OF THE REAR BUMPER OF THE CAR AHEAD AND ABOUT 10 INCHES FROM THE FRONT BUMPER OF THE CAR BEHIND -- BUT, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.

THAT'S PERFECT!" SHE SHOUTED. THEN, MOTIONING TOWARD THE CURB, SHE ADDED HELPFULLY, "NOW COME THIS WAY!"

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ANSWER TO THE BRAIN-TWISTER:-

If the first man was black, he would have lied and answered, "I'm white." If he was white, he would have said so. In either case, the words blown away were, "I'm white." So the second man in white, because he told the truth about what the first man said. Since the first two men are both white, the third man is obviously black.

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Cpl Nick Sherstabetoff, an auxiliary Aeor-Engines type, was recently welcomed into the fold. Formerly a corporal in the regular force, Nick brings quite some experience to 418.

In civilian life he is a qualified commercial pilot flying with Edmonton Aviation, and is also a qualified aircraft mechanic. Born in Carlsbad, Alta., Nick is married, and the father of three children.

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Reports indicate that although S/L/ Bill Argue finally escaped from the clutches of the auxiliary, he didn't escape scott-free. According to our latest information, our former SSUp0 is reclining in hospital in St. Hubert suffering from ulcers; this is the result of one day's work at his new job and three years with 418 Sqn!

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# As You Are Seen

by WO1 W. S. BLACKWOOD

Have you, as an airman, considered how you look to the general tax-paying public when you don your RCAF uniform? As you step out to board a city transit bus then the air force bus, to report for duty at the City of Edmonton Squadron, how are you seen? Whether it be to the maintenance section, servicing, instrument, electrical, orderly room, safety equipment or even the seldom-seen, but Oh, so-important accounts section, you're representing the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Here are ten small, but very important points to check before you start out:

**THE HAT** - The hat is to be worn on the centre of the head--squarely if winter, if field service, cocked to the right an inch above the eyebrow and with the buttons down the centre of the nose. The badge, winter, centrally-located; field service, midway between the flap and the chin strap. Check yours. Any fool can critisize--try it; be a Fool!

**THE SHIRT** - Clean. Oh, Brother! The squadron is your best girl, and consequently your best issue shirt is none too good! Buttoned at the neck with a stiff collar (try Page or a spiffy is Mom is light on the starch)!

**THE HANDS AND FACE** - Cleanliness is next to Godliness, and this includes clean hands with clean, neatly-trimmed nails. And now, the most important point of all: a bright, smiling, clean-shaven face with a hairdo in the prescribed military manner--closely clipped, sides, back and top. Ruby Sharon is not interested in 418 Sqn. Check your mop.

**THE TIE** - Oh, I shudder. This is a bad one, but, "a simple cake-nix solution:" a neat (tight) knot with the inner flap from 1/8" to 1" shorter than the outer flap. All that is needed is a clean, pressed piece of shaped black material.

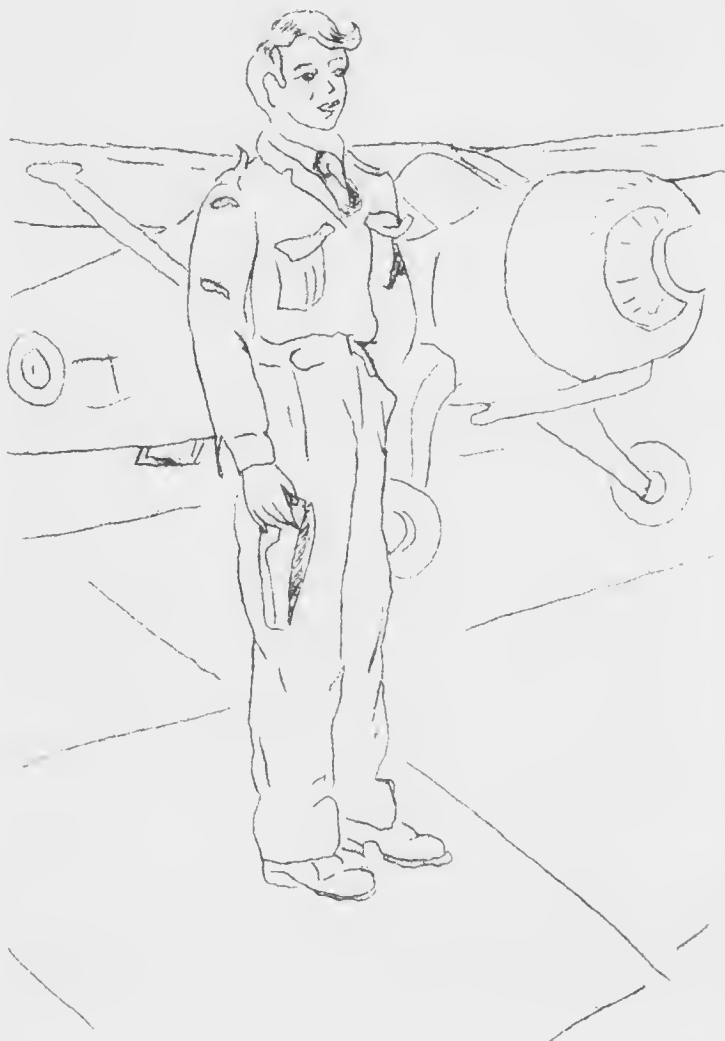
**UNIFORM JACKET** - This is a simple one. Clean, pressed, buttoned, and how about the classification or higher rank? The rank badges:

LAC, 8" from the shoulder seams;  
CPL, 8½" from the shoulder seams;  
Sr NCO's, the Lord will take care of them.

AND REMEMBER, the Canada flash is 2¼" from the shoulder seam, with the eagle facing the rear. "Head up, shoulders back and \_\_\_\_\_" make an upright airman. Are YOU?

**SUSPENSION** - This item needs some "support," and it's NOT a CINCH. uniforms will not be altered, and belts will not be worn on trousers not equipped with belt loops. (Higher-priced help and typists, NOTE.)

**TROUSERS** - Oh, Oh! leg cover, even military, properly draped and hung, will have two small crinks at the bottom caused by the "souliers," and will have a knife edge. Check the back. Remember, the modern age sits and waits for the silver platter to be passed, and this kills the crease in the rear. A steam iron (wonderful and modern) will be a constant ally in this battle of the bulges.



AS YOU ARE SEEN (continued)

SOCKS - Two things. Black. "A stitch in time saves nine." DON'T BE THE TENTH.

FOOTWEAR - Oh, Boy. I can go on for hours on this one!!!!!! It is impossible to prepare a pair of 418 shoes for parade in less than an hour! Start from scratch, then work up to the "spit and polish" stage. A man is judged by the condition of his heels. (This goes for the gals, too). A run-down heel tells the passer-by a world about the wearer.

The Queen's Uniform was given to the Royal Canadian Air Force, and especially to 418 "City of Edmonton" Squadron. Use it, but don't abuse it. WE are proud to be privileged to serve.

PS:

"Dear Mom: Have heart, send money."

Perry Como.

# SPORTS

by CPL HARRY PREDIGER

The winner of the 2nd Annual 418 Sqn Bonspiel was the Prediger foursome. This rink consisted of Cpl Prediger as skip, WO1 Blackwood, third; F/L Danny Cooper as second and Cpl Harry Wright, lead. Prediger beat out Cpl Carl Denet in a hotly-contested game by the score of 7 to 6 in 10 ends.

The Wilson rink took the "B" section, and Cpl Wilson, LAC Larry Ward, LAC Bill Trimble and LAC Gerry Rioux were presented with lighters. The winners received trophies. Another bonspiel is to be held Wednesday, March 15th.

The 418 Sporting Circle is losing another great sport. F/L Danny Cooper, our star ball-player, is transferred to 435 Sqn. It is suggested by the writer that Mr. Cooper be confronted with a contract which would state that his services as a player will be 418's alone! Good Luck to F/L Cooper in 435.

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An elderly lady was telling her nine-year-old granddaughter the story of the princess and the frog. "When the little frog rescued the golden ball from the well, the princess was so grateful she let him spend the night in her room," the story-teller said. "And the next morning when she woke up, he had turned into a handsome prince, and they were married, and lived happily everafter."

The youngster looked up dubiously. "Don't you believe the story?" asked the grandmother.

"No," she replied, "I don't. And I'll bet her mother didn't either."

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It is indeed a pleasure to congratulate the many officers and airmen whose service has recently been rewarded by an increase in rank, or whose diligent study has resulted in a higher trade grouping.

Five of our aircrew types found their names on the January 1st promotion lists, and to them go our sincere best wishes for continued success in their more responsible position. Promoted from flying officers to flight lieutenants were G. L. Blackburn (Air/Obs/Nav), A. J. M. Clark, R. B. Greenly, G. E. Hougastal and S. E. W. J. Wood (all pilots).

Eleven 418 airmen received a welcome Christmas present. As usual, our unit did extremely well in the October groundcrew trade examinations, and The Gen Mill is pleased to note two very potential corporals on the floor: LAC C. J. L. Demarais (AETech) and LAC H. A. Simonson (ITech), both successfully passed their Group Three TE's.

In addition, the following airmen passed their Gp 2 TE's: J. W. Reimer (ETech), J. T. Cronk (AFTech), J. P. Brinacombe (AETech), D. G. Dunbar (AETech), D. Gage (AETech), J. M. Green (AFTech), W. D. Irwin (AETech), J. W. MacDonnell (AETech) and A. J. Obst (ETech). Congrats, Men.

*Bon Voyage!*

BY LAC TERRY ROWE

It is commonly known through the RCAF that frequent transfers and postings preclude anyone from making a fast and strong friendship with another member of the service. Because of this essential uncertainty in our careers, we often find ourselves having to say goodbye to a friend who was welcomed only three or four years ago, and to whom we must now bid farewell. We of 418 are now in this position; not only saying goodbye to a friend, but rather saying goodbye to friends.

In the space of a few weeks, we learned of the impending departure of three of our associates. They are Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. J. Argue, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. D. J. Cooper and Sergeant and Mrs. K. N. Crossley.

The first transfer was that of our OC, S/L Argue. Everyone, including the squadron leader, was surprised when the message arrived authorizing his transfer as Staff Officer, Airmens' Postings and Careers at Air Defence Command Headquarters, St. Hubert, Que. S/L Argue arrived at 418 in 1957, and since then has gained a wide reputation for being fair, and for never being too busy to assist his personnel with the personal problems they encountered. While here he also became quite active in the Boy Scout movement, and in his church. He and Mrs. Argue thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Edmonton and we are sure that although they will make as many friends at their new home, we will all have the pleasure of seeing them again in the city.

The second departure was that of Sgt. and Mrs. Ken Crossley, who departed 28 Feb for Stn Winnipeg on their final transfer before Ken's retirement from active service. Ken was with the squadron five years, and during that time he made many friends, both regular and reserve. Ken was well known, and was in some instances considered almost a "Dad" by some of the reservists he "gennered up." He made a point of being available with his abundant advice and assistance, and on many occasions helped to guide the boys along the "right" path. Ken will be missed, and he and his two-wheeled monster commonly known as "Ken's Bike" will never find their equal in the memories of his buddies in 418.

The third and final move will still keep the mover under the close and unrivalled scrutiny of 418'ers. F/L Danny Cooper, our PAD0 for the past 18 months, has been transferred to a flying position next door at 435 (T) Sqn. The star short-stop of 418's ball team is happy about his transfer, however, states that he enjoyed his tour at the squadron immensely. Because of the nearness of 435, though, his old friends are still within shouting distance. Prior to his reporting for duty, he will be proceeding on a short spot of TD and refresher training. F/L Cooper's pleasant personality, unfailing good humor and ability combined during his relatively short stay here to make his departure felt by all. He and his wife are popular with all, and it is hoped they will keep in touch.

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Congratulations are in order to LAC George Brown, whose wife presented him with a bouncing future airman on December 9th. The budding airman: Kenneth Arthur.

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A WOMAN telephoned a veterinarian and asked him to come and examine her cat.

"I don't know what's wrong with her," the woman told him. "She looks as if she's going to have kittens, but that's impossible. She's never been out except when I've had her on a

leash." An examination confirmed the cat's condition. "It's impossible," said her mistress. At that point, a Tomcat emerged from under the sofa. "How about him?" "Don't be silly," exclaimed the woman. "That's her brother!"